



Foster Agreement

(Modified 11/30/2022)

I, _____ (Foster Volunteer), voluntarily enter into this agreement with They Rescue Us, Inc. (TRU Rescue) to provide a temporary home as a Foster Volunteer caregiver to any dog(s) TRU Rescue may temporarily place in my care and agree to the following terms, conditions, and understandings:

SHUTDOWN/INTEGRATION PROTOCOL

Checking off each line below indicates that Foster Volunteer has read and agreed to each item.

_____ I will keep the TRU Rescue foster dog and my existing animals separated by gates or other barriers for at least one week, or for as long as two weeks.

_____ I will introduce the TRU Rescue foster dog to other animals in the house slowly, and for short periods of time (10-15 minutes for each session), through physical barriers or while walking together with all dogs leashed for at least one week, or for as long as two weeks.

_____ I will introduce the TRU Rescue foster dog to immediate family members only for at least one week, or for as long as two weeks.

_____ I will always keep the TRU Rescue Foster dog on a leash while he is in the house for at least one week, or for as long as two weeks.

_____ I will not introduce the TRU Rescue foster dog to other dogs outside of the house for at least one week, or for as long as two weeks.

_____ I will always keep the TRU Rescue foster dog on a leash while he is outside, even if I have a fenced yard, for at least one week, or for as long as two weeks.

_____ I will always keep the TRU Rescue foster dog safely crated when I am not home for at least one week, or for as long as two weeks.

_____ I will not leave the TRU Rescue foster dog unsupervised with any existing animals or small children for at least one week, or for as long as two weeks.

_____ I will not take the TRU Rescue foster dog to public places – pet expo, pet store, dog park, friend's house, family member's house or doggie play group for at least one week, or for as long as two weeks.

_____ I will not attempt to begin any obedience training of the TRU Rescue foster dog for at least one week, or for as long as two weeks. I understand that the foster dog needs to learn about my household routines and expectations.

_____ I will be particularly vigilant about not leaving windows or doors open while the TRU Rescue foster dog is transitioning to his foster home.

_____I understand that this SHUTDOWN/INTEGRATION PROTOCOL is required so that the TRU Rescue foster dog will be set-up for a successful transition into his foster home. If I choose to disregard this SHUTDOWN/INTEGRATION PROTOCOL (which has been compiled by experts with many decades of experience), I am choosing to set-up the TRU Rescue foster dog for possible failure.

_____I understand that if I am determined to be in violation of the agreed upon terms of the SHUTDOWN/INTEGRATION PROTOCOL, TRU Rescue will remove the foster dog from my care immediately and with no notice.

GENERAL/OWNERSHIP of DOG(S)

1. I understand that I may be required to provide foster care to the foster dog(s) for an extended and indefinite period and understand that I may only have the foster dog(s) for a very brief period of time.
2. I understand that TRU Rescue provides no guarantee as to the health of the foster dog(s) and that the foster dog(s) may have medical needs, socialization problems, and may not be housebroken.
3. I agree that I am fostering the dog(s) for TRU Rescue and do not have any right of ownership over the foster dog(s).
4. I agree to provide a TRU Rescue representative access to my home and property to check on the foster dog(s) at any time that I am in possession of the foster dog(s).
5. I agree to immediately return the foster dog(s) to TRU Rescue at the request of its authorized representative at any time for any reason.
6. I will not transfer possession or custody of the foster dog(s) to any other person at any time, except for temporary, short-term possession for the purpose of vet care, grooming etc.
7. I agree to immediately notify TRU Rescue in the event of a missing or injured foster dog,
8. If at any point I can no longer, or do not want to continue to, provide care and shelter for the foster dog(s), I agree to contact TRU Rescue and arrange for surrender and return of the foster dog(s) back to TRU Rescue. I agree to give TRU Rescue at least 1 week to secure another foster home for the foster dog.
9. I understand that if I decide to adopt a foster dog in my care, I must go through the adoption process (including paying the required fee). I understand that I must notify the Executive Director of my desire to adopt the foster dog within 10 days of placement in my home.
10. I agree that I will not provide foster care for a dog from any other rescue, shelter or humane organization while I have a TRU Rescue dog in my care.
11. I agree that my foster dog shall not be left alone with children under the age of 10 at any time.

BASIC CARE/ID TAG

1. I agree to take proper care of the foster dog(s) assigned to me by providing nutritious food, plentiful water, adequate shelter, safe containment, environmental enrichment, socialization, and humane treatment. I further agree to provide heartworm prevention as well as control of external parasites (fleas and ticks).
2. I agree to provide the foster dog(s) with exercise, basic obedience, and housetraining.
3. I agree to keep the foster dog(s) on a leash when outside my home or my own securely fenced yard. At no time will any foster dog(s) in my care be placed outside on a tie-out.
4. I understand that the TRU Rescue identification tag must be worn on the foster dog(s)'s collar or harness at all times. If the dog(s) loses its tag, I agree to immediately contact TRU Rescue for a new one.
5. I agree that I will avoid opportunities for cross contamination and the spread of disease or parasites between the TRU Rescue foster dog and my existing dog(s) by:
 - a. Providing separate food and water bowls for all dogs in my care
 - b. Ensuring that the TRU Rescue foster dog eliminates in an area of my yard away from the area my existing dog(s) use to eliminate
 - c. Disposing of solid waste material in a sanitary and safe fashion
6. I agree that I will abide by TRU Rescue's Quick Tips for Foster Safety and Success.

VET CARE/\$

1. I agree to provide the foster dog(s) with veterinary care as authorized by TRU Rescue. I will not arrange or pay for any elective veterinary care for the foster dog(s) without the express consent of an authorized TRU Rescue representative.
2. I understand that all basic medical expenses for the foster dog(s) will be covered by TRU Rescue, provided that an authorized TRU Rescue representative has approved the medical expenses, and the care is from a TRU Rescue veterinarian.
3. I agree to keep records for foster dog, including completing the Preventative Administered Form and compiling records for any veterinary services the dog may receive while in my care. These records will be passed along to the adopter of the foster dog.
4. I understand that even though all pets (personal and foster) are up to date on vaccines and preventatives, health cannot be guaranteed. TRU Rescue cannot prevent nor accept responsibility, financially or otherwise, for the possibility that diseases or parasites may spread from animal to animal. I recognize that reasonable steps can be taken to prevent cross contamination.

DOG(S) DESCRIPTION and PHOTO on TRU website, Facebook, Instagram, and the Adopt-a-Pet and Petfinder websites.

We ask our foster families to help by providing photographs and information about their foster dog

1. I agree to assist in getting a photo of any foster dog(s) that comes into my care on the TRU Rescue website, Facebook page, Instagram, and the Adopt-a-Pet and Petfinder websites and will either send a photo to fosterpics@trurescue.org or post a photo in the transport thread.
2. I agree that I will assist a TRU Rescue volunteer with creating a bio for my foster dog or will post information in the transport thread.

I understand that TRU Rescue cannot guarantee actions or disposition of any foster dog(s) placed in my care and have executed the attached **Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability Form**.

Foster Volunteer Signature

Date

TRU Rescue Signature

Date